



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Frank P. Engels et al.

Appln. No.: 10/603,548

Filed: June 25, 2003

For: CONNECTOR ROD

Attorney Docket No: 10541-1822

Examiner: Unknown

Art Unit: 3616

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant cites the following references (each listed for the Examiner's convenience on the enclosed Form PTO-1449):

No.	Date of Publication	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
3,113,787	12/10/63	Neal H. Lauderdale
3,605,934	09/20/71	B.J. Millard
3,834,727	09/10/74	Adams
3,938,822	02/17/76	Guerriero
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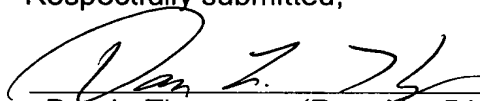
A copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) is also enclosed. As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's consideration of the listed references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

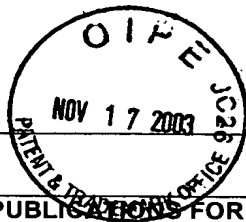
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Enclosures: Form PTO-1449 (one sheet)
Copies of listed references



FORM PTO-1449	APPLICATION NO. 10/603,548	CASE NO. 10541-1822
LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	FILING DATE June 25, 2003	ART UNIT 3616
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REFERENCE DESIGNATION U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ Form PTO-1449 with copies of references.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1500. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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